3:28 p.m. November 25, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. MOHR
MR. CONRAD
MR. DE LOACH
MR. EVANS
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN

Mr. Walter Jenkins at the White House returned my earlier call. I told him I wanted to let him know later developments at the Post. I advised him that Mr. Friendly, who had given us a definite commitment that the editorial they were thinking of printing would not be run, later called back and said he was sorry but he had probably spoken too hastily because, when he took it up with Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Wiggins said no definite commitment could be given; that the arguments we had advanced as to why there should not be an editorial along that line they were quite impressed with but felt they owed the public the duty to keep the public advised and informed. I told Mr. Jenkins that Mr. Friendly was then told the public was going to be kept advised and informed when the investigation is concluded but to inject into the picture at this time a third arm will undoubtedly lead to more inefficiency than efficiency; that Mr. Friendly seemed to be in agreement but Mr. Wiggins makes the decisions and Mr. Friendly did not know when they would know definitely whether or not they would have the editorial and could not give a definite answer because Mr. Wiggins would determine the time when he saw fit.

I advised Mr. Jenkins that I gathered they were not going to carry the editorial but, after the definite commitment Friendly gave us this morning, he has weakened down; he is now going through the action of an adult holding candy before a child and wanting him to beg for it. I said the thing we must do is go ahead and get the reports completed and get them ready for release as soon as possible; when we come to the matter of the release, I know how the President feels about its being released over here.

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Mr. Jenkins then stated that he told the President what I had said and that I personally felt that it should be released by the White House, and the President said he was inclined to go along with me whenever and wherever he can.

I said I talked to Mr. Katzenbach and he feels it should not be released by the Attorney General. I further stated I did not think the Bureau should release it but I thought, when we get it finished, we, of course, will send a copy to Mr. Jenkins and to the Attorney General and the decision can be made as to the release.

Mr. Jenkins then brought up the Texas Attorney General's announcement of a court of special inquiry today. I told Mr. Jenkins that I understood Wade was hopping mad at the issuance of such a statement; in the first place he was going to present the case to a grand jury tomorrow morning and will have an indictment against Ruby by 8:30 tomorrow morning; that he was not enthusiastic about a court of inquiry; that he had said he hoped the release of the report would not be made by Bobby Kennedy or by that "dumbbell who calls himself the Attorney General of Texas."

I said it seemed to me they are going to get this indictment on Ruby tomorrow; that Ruby has five lawyers representing him there; that some bondsman out in Los Angeles, California, has indicated they are willing to make whatever bond is necessary no matter how high. I advised Mr. Jenkins that we are checking out the background of the bondsmen and that I had told our Dallas Office to get the background on the Dallas lawyers representing him.

Mr. Jenkins noted that I had told him yesterday of some rumors that Ruby had underworld connections in Chicago. I mentioned that someone in union activity was killed and three or four were arrested, including Ruby, but he was only held one night. I said we were running out today his connections with hoodlum connections in Chicago; that he was not of any high caliber; that in Dallas the reports were the same; that he is kind of a police character and, therefore, they would probably let him in. I indicated that Wade, the District Attorney, said he did not know him and had not seen him until he saw him there at police headquarters.

Mr. Jenkins inquired if I knew that Wade used to be one of my men. I said I did not know this. Mr. Jenkins said he roomed with Wade in 1939, and he was working for me at the time. I told Mr. Jenkins that I had not heard that; that I would check on that; that Wade has handled himself pretty well; that he first said the investigation was closed and then

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came out and said it would continue; that he got off the hook pretty quickly. I stated that our Dallas Office speaks very highly of Wade; that he wasn't very enthusiastic when pressmen went to him and told him about this special court of inquiry; that he did say he thought at sometime and in some way all evidence in the Oswald case ought to be made public. I said, of course, that would support the disclosure here at Washington of the report when it is finally finished; that Wade's attitude is that the public is entitled to know all the facts so as to dispell this idea that he may or may not be the right man.

Mr. Jenkins said he would get this information to Mr. Johnson who had just walked in.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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